

John: Kellam. Esq.

(73)

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1696

Henry: Hudson. Esq.

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Somerset County for Henry: Hudson Juno was attache to  
answer unto John: Kellam of a plai of hyspeis upon the said John:  
and whereupon the said John: by Colur Dent his attorney saith  
that the said Henry the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1696  
at Somersett within the Jurisdiction of this Court, a certain point of Land belonging to him the said  
John: the said Henry did enter into, and several trees did fall and cut, and a certain path way leading  
to the landings of him the said John: did stop up and made unpassable, and other harms to him did where  
upon the said John saith his works and hys damage to his value of 1600 pounds of tobacco and the  
of his bringing his suit vs. Dent. Bogs et al. {John: Dent  
John: Bogs et al}

John: Boga.

Without the Jurisdiction of our Court and where him vs. to the dñe of Assembly and  
your worshipps Giffen / James: Sanders.

The Court having considered the aforesd proceedings, by pertaining to Land. Doe find  
that the action brought agt the sd Hudson, is not in their power to try & determine  
on Sute.

Ordered. that no person shall take up any paper or writing from of the Courts table, that  
doth any way pertaine to the Clerk, after once given into the Clerks Custody; for upon the  
two last day of February last past, being upon a second tryall against Walter: Lane  
of this County in Order to whiche sd tryall the sd Giffen produced two depositions to prove  
the sd Lane Renter, whiche sd Depositions was the 20<sup>th</sup> day read in Court; and this day  
(viz) the eleaventh of March following the sd Giffen being upon the same aforesd tryall  
agst the sd Lane, Ordered the Clerk to produce the aforesd two depositions, the sd Clerk of  
the Court not finding them upon Record, at that time, for want of whiche the sd Giffen's  
tryall (with some other reasons) was suspended.

bis: Depos. fo: 75

This Court adjourned for half an hour.

After whiche the sd M. Francis Giffen vs. with m Samuel: Hopkins and Capt. John: King  
espairs into Court, the sd Giffen vs. being disclassified about the sd two depositions. the  
Clerk vs. the sd Giffen vs. that he was perwaded that m Dent had taken them  
clandestinely away the last Court, and that if the sd Dent bagg was searched, they might  
be found therin; the sd Dent bringin profit it was by the aforesd Giffen vs.  
that he would examine his papers in his bag. But the sd Dent affirmed that he had no  
such depositions, for he was certain he had given them to the Clerk, yet then upon further  
request the sd Dent bagg (in whiche) was found the two sd depositions, whiche the sd Dent  
for all times offered to make oath that he had them not; the Court then being called the  
22<sup>nd</sup> instant was then Clerk depited, requested their words that an Order might be mad?  
that no person whatsoeuer should take up any papers from of the Courts table so? bero-